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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend
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MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the office action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.